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**JCAP Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 15, 2010**  
**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Thomson Board Room, Ballentine Hall**

**Attendance:** Nancy Eaton, vice-chair, Ann Morrissey, Jason Pina, Laura Beauvais, Kat Quina, Peter Larsen, Christopher Anderson, Norbert Mundorf, Peter Alfonso, Lynn McKinney and Vern Wyman.

**Members absent:** Don DeHayes, Marilyn Barbour, Lori Ciccomascolo, Sandy Hicks, Nasser Zawia, David Coates and Jack Szczepanski.

1. The Minutes from the October 6, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Reports/Updates from Subcommittees:

**NEASC Subcommittee:**

Laura Beauvais reported that the NEASC visit went well including the debrief meetings with the President and the Provost. One issue for follow up is that, in the 2007 Self-Study, the JSPC was given the role of ensuring institutional effectiveness for meeting all NEASC standards. Since JSPC no longer exists, the subcommittee believes that the President's Team is the appropriate oversight entity because of the designated authority of each of the senior leaders over the various areas of the University.

Also discussed was preparing for the 5-Year NEASC Interim Report. It was decided that members of the subcommittee would review the 2007 Self-Study for continued accuracy of information presented. They would also document all proposed actions. This first stage will be completed by January 2011.

**Task Force Review Subcommittee:**

Vice Chairperson Nancy Eaton reported that this subcommittee has been meeting every two weeks. The committee has been working through the reports and came up with a format for general comments. She gave a brief update on each report.

**On Line/Distance Learning – Final report**

- a. Vice Chairperson Eaton reported that the interim coordinator for the Office of Online and Distance Learning (OODL) is in place and a search will be started for a permanent director.

Kathleen Torrens has agreed to chair the search committee and they hope to have a permanent director on board by July 1, 2011.

- b. They also recommended having the Online and Distance Learning Committee help determine policies and procedures to guide the office.
- c. This report will be uploaded to the website.

### **Graduate Education Report:**

Vice Chairperson Eaton reported that the Graduate Education Task Force came up with 5 primary recommendations. They were as follows:

- 1. Enhance research and innovation
- 2. Strengthen the financial base of the Graduate School
- 3. Expand international/global programs
- 4. Increase the diversity of students and faculty
- 5. Increase the Graduate School's support of interdisciplinary and experiential programs and research

Discussion ensued.

Some questions arose as to how this report will interface with the work of the Graduate Council. Recommendation was to have the Provost recommend that the Graduate Council Committee consider the Report's recommendations as guidance for the future.

### **Interdisciplinary Studies Report:**

Prof. Kat Quina reported that ASFCCE will rename the BGS as the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS). This has been approved by the CAC and still needs to go to the Faculty Senate. It was noted that this is merely a program name change. In a related matter, it was decided that the Provost and Faculty Senate leaders would together consider the approval process for newly proposed programs, previously in the jurisdiction of the former JSPC, Joint Strategic Planning Committee. The charge to JCAP does not include this function.

### **Diversity Task Force Report:**

Vice Chairperson Eaton distributed the Diversity Task Force report.

It was reported that the plans for hiring an Interim Associate VP for Diversity, Community & Equity are progressing. Kathryn Friedman will be starting on January 4, 2011. This JCAP subcommittee review of the task force report could be shared with Kathryn as well as the full Task Force report, which is posted on the web. The JCAP review will also be shared with the Diversity Task Committee via Peter Larsen.

**Metrics Subcommittee Report:**

Prof. Kat Quina reported that they have collected metrics from other institutions and that the APRC proposed metrics are also progressing. The subcommittee met with Karen Markin and Mary Kate DeMarco of the Research Office regarding Goal 3, Pre-grant to Post Award. Issues relative to the assessing the PI experience in grant writing was discussed. The subcommittee has completed its review and draft set of metrics for Goals 1 and 2 and is in progress of developing proposed metrics for the Goals 3, 4, and 5. They may bring forward a draft set of metrics for goals 1 and 2 at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.